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2. A total of 34 Soviet war vessels [redacted] and two PT boats, were observed in the Swinemunde harbors including Osternothafen. * They looked very untidy, and some showed large bulges on their outer skin. Most of their crew members were elderly men who, in several cases, raised their fist when the merchant vessel was dipping her flag. The ships were berthed in groups of two or three in the harbor. Depth charges, some of them with a red stripe about 100 mm wide, were observed on deck of some of the vessels.

3. On 5 July [redacted] only three Soviet mine-sweepers [redacted] were a little upstream from Osternothafen. All other vessels apparently had left Swinemunde. (Swinoujscie).

4. A diving tender was at the exit of the Kaiserfahrt (dredged channel) into the bay. A diver was under the water [redacted]

5. [redacted] vessel berthed in the Reitherwaer (or harbor, only the shipmaster was allowed to go ashore. The Polish sentries guarding the ship asked the crew for bread, fat and cigarettes. Uniformed women police armed with rifles were seen on the quay. On the return trip on 5 July, the pilot [redacted] complained about the bad food situation [redacted]

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in Stettin. He also said that all the pilots would get uniforms but that, to date, only 10 pilots had received uniforms. He gladly accepted cigarettes he was offered and asked permission to take them ashore to barter for food.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. All identified vessels [REDACTED] were previously reported. They had been observed in Swinemunde and the southern Baltic since the summer of 1951.

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